

The Open Column

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Concerning M. U.'s "Representative."

Editor the Missourian—I cannot understand the impudence or it may be ignorance, of "one part of the University" who, in Friday's Missourian, dares to inquire how Mr. Lozier came to be a representative of the University on the "one-lung" peace voyage being championed by Henry Ford, the only man who could ever take a tin can and a couple of spools and make an automobile.

With all due respect to Mr. Lozier, who is competent as anyone to appease the wrath of Kaiser Bill et al, we wish to inform "one part of the University" that the leading factor in choosing Mr. Lozier to represent the University was a certain professor of legal lore in the University who has long batted high in the peace league, is recognized the country over as one violently opposed to anything that looks like fight and who was on the present battle grounds of Europe in the interests of pacifism when the war lord broke loose. It was this dove of peace who was instrumental in suggesting Mr. Lozier, we understand, and yet the writer in yesterday's Open Column has the effrontery to ask "who did this thing?" But perhaps he didn't know.

—Another part of the University.

That "Peace Ship" Selection.

Editor the Missourian: In Friday's edition of the Missourian, the Open column contained an article by "One Part of the University," which showed entire ignorance of the situation upon which the writer saw fit to comment. We must pity rather than condemn the absolute credulity with which "One part of the University" reads the St. Louis Republic. It is true the Republic did not go into details as to the selection of Mr. Lozier, and perhaps this man with the peculiar name wrote this article with no other thought than to ascertain all of the facts in the case; but from the comments among the students yesterday morning, it is quite evident that his intent was not so interpreted. But in charity we will assume that such was the intention of the writer.

The facts are these: President A. Ross Hill and Professor Manley O. Hudson each received a telegram from Henry Ford's office requesting them to recommend an undergraduate from the student body of the University of Missouri to go on the Ford peace ship. Mr. Lozier was recommended by both of them after consultation with each other and with officers of the International Polity Club. After some delay Mr. Lozier received a telegram asking him to become Mr. Ford's guest on this trip to Europe. Professor Hudson and President Hill did not appoint Mr. Lozier to represent the University of Missouri; they merely complied with Mr. Ford's request and recommended a man whom they considered worthy of selection. Mr. Ford wanted a man of a certain quality, and Mr. Ford probably thought that the president of the University and Mr. Hudson, a prominent advocate of international peace, would be better judges of those qualities than a mass meeting of students. Certainly it is not for us to say how Mr. Ford should select his guest on his peace party.

Let us hope that our disgruntled friend, who has the University so close at heart, will in the future make some efforts to ascertain facts before he ventures forth, like Don Quixote of old, to fight windmills and rescue illusionary damsels. There are enough real wrongs to right; let our friend dedicate himself to the "writing" of these. GEORGE H. CHARNOWITZ.

"Conscription" or "National Service"?

Editor the Missourian: Exception has been taken to Alfred Noyes' wish that conscription might be known as "national service," giving the old, old argument that "a rose by another name" etc. In the language of the street, here is "just where most people are dead wrong." He who disregards the different connotation of words of the same definition is disregarding one of the strongest weapons at the disposal of the teacher, writer or speaker.

Did you ever try to love a girl named "Gertie"? Did you ever try to convince your friends that "Percy" was a good fellow and an athlete? Don't you know that unfortunately chosen trade names have put many good commercial commodities on the blink? "Sanitary" food products are out of court as completely as "watery" eyes, though "crisp and fresh" make one long for a bite, as "eyes like pools" make one long for a look.

The power of association is formidable and must be reckoned with in words odors, subjects and some other things. It tends to awaken definite moods and states of feeling. A word, both in definition and connotation, should fit its meaning as a

glove fits the hand—no more, no less. Would you, if a bride, be pleased to have a reporter report you as carrying cabbage roses? Cabbage roses are tenderly poetic and sweet.

"Forlorn," says Keats, the master craftsman in the happy choice of words, "the very word itself is like a knell."

"Conscription" savors of convicts, of serfdom, of compulsion and unwillingness; "national service," of honor and glory and the generous giving of hearts and hands. M. I.

The Women's Building.

Editor the Missourian: At a mass meeting of women called November 22 Miss Johnston spoke of the need for a women's building? Later the chairman of the meeting asked the women to express themselves on this subject. A number have wondered at the silence that followed.

What was the matter? Aren't the women of the University interested in a women's building? Have they not seen the need?

The women as well, as other members of the University, have rejoiced in all the new buildings recently erected. The need for every one was apparent. Now the needs of the women press. Truly the women themselves realize this.

The inadequacy of the present arrangement for women does not need to be urged.

The gymnasium is much too small. The lights are so poor that it is difficult for the athletic association to hold a satisfactory meeting there. It is a great distance from the athletic field. Those who play hockey or tennis must walk blocks before they can get the needed shower. Then if the class is too large they can't get it, for showers are too few.

The women's parlor, which served adequately years ago when University women were small in number, is entirely outgrown. Many times has the writer seen it so crowded that fully twenty girls would have to sit on the floor to talk or study.

How amazing that more than 800 women students of this University have no place of their own for social gatherings and other meetings. Even the Woman's Council, a body most intimately connected with student life, must find a classroom for its meetings. The parlor, the only real woman's room in the University, is not at its disposal.

The Y. W. C. A., too, must use a classroom for its weekly services—a room far too small for its needs. More than once this year it has been filled to capacity. At one meeting a number could not gain admittance.

The executive officer of the Y. W. C. A. must sit in a corner of the corridor, without privacy. The corner is sometimes so cold, that visitors shiver and shake for a few minutes, and then leave.

It is clear to all who consider that the women need a building that serves

their general interests. Don't the women want this building? Or have they despaired after long years of waiting? Surely patience will be rewarded. However, women of the University, you will get a women's building only when you go after it.

Why don't you express yourselves? Many methods of expression are open to you. Speak out in mass meeting. Speak through the council. Surely that organization will assist. Speak through an organization called into being to agitate this specific matter. Speak through the Missourian, an organ used to further student needs and interests.

Anyway, speak! The Legislature will meet next year. Twelve months of agitation will not be too many to use toward getting what we want and need.

WOMAN STUDENT.

That Peace Ship.

Editor the Missourian: This "Peace Ship" movement? Well, we used to know a bulldog, a 20-inch howitzer, hang-on-till-death-do-us-part bulldog, with a 14-inch mouth, a pair of steel fangs and a back muscled like a constrictor. When this dog went into a new town or when he met a new dog, or a "parcel" of them, he had to establish his standing, and the bloody struggle that would result was enough to make your blood run cold. One thing alone brought peace—a big stick twisted in the prime mover's collar, and twisted and twisted until there was no more air in his system. There was never an engagement, however, in which some nice, peace-loving elderly person did not stand on the sidelines and wring her black silk half-handkerchief and say: "Oh please, please stop! This is awful. Somebody tell them to quit."

Do you get the connection? In parts of Europe, men are paying \$1 a loaf for bread. Retreating Serbs are feeding on the dead and decaying oxen and mules that line the way into Montenegro. Everywhere are little hungry orphaned children. In all the trenches is privation, discomfort, silt unspeakable. In all the hospit-

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Unless we can twist a big stick in their collars—shut off their supply of food, munitions or gold—the most effective thing for us to do is to stand outside the bullring ready to render

first aid to the injured. No money should be wasted at this time in quixotic efforts to bring about peace by moral suasion. A. M.

MOKANE LIKES MISSOURI FOUR

Quartet Is Planning Several Trips for Holidays.

The Missouri Four program pleased the people of Mokane Friday night, judging by the hearty encores received after many of the songs. The

Methodist Church was well filled when the students began singing.

"The Goblins 'll Git You If You Don't Watch Out," the quartet version of James Whitcomb Riley's poem, and "Sweet and Low" were cordially applauded. Mark Morrison, Terence Vincent and Carl Burris sang solos; and Mr. Vincent gave readings. The program closed with "Old Missouri."

Next Friday The Missouri Four will sing in Sedalia. Plans for a Christmas trip are being completed.

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